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## Influenza vs. The War.

number of men and women who form the second line of defense at home making ammunition, building ships and helping in war work generally and who are impaired by influenza and you have an idea of the ravages of the present epidemic.

We mention this not to alarm, but to impress upon the public the seriousness of the disease which is slowing up our complete war program. It may not be so serious in the number of victims claimed but in the astonishing numbers which are temporarily taken away

In the District of Columbia schools have been closed, as have theaters and other places of amusement. Certain other regulations have been made to curb the spread of influenza. It is the duty of every citizen to accept these regulations uncomplainingly and carry them out to the letter. It is furthermore the duty of every citizen to observe the most strict health rules as they have never observed them before.

Spanish influenza treated during the last fifteen days. A total of isometime to observe the most strict health rules as they have never observed them before.

Keep in mind that like most infectious diseases influenza is spread by contact infection, that is, by the actual transfer of the active poison from one person to another. It is spread to a large degree by sneezing and coughing at which times the infected discharges from the nose and throat are scattered in the air. Avoid crowds as much as possible. Make sure that you are properly clothed, in accordance with the year. It shair is always good. Keep your bedroom windows wide open, and secure as much sleep as possible. Keep the digestive organs in good condition. Drink water freely Wash your hands frequently. Avoid common drinking cups, com- Y. M. C. A. Classes Close; mon towels and similar utensils. When sneezing or coughing, place your handkerchief before your nose and mouth. Use a mild antiseptic as a nose spray or as a mouth gargle, especially if your throat is sore or there is tendency to sneezing. If you have a "cold" use utensils for your personal use exclusively, or if you are in contact with one so affected be careful not to handle utensils used by

Be careful and do not permit your imagination to run away with you. America's greatest surgeon has said that seventy per cent of the diseases of mankind originate in the mind. If there is fling and classes in the accountany doubt as to your ailment you should speedily seek medical at-

## Tanks.

After all it is tanks, the thing of which we have talked least, of which we have known least, that have got the goat of the German

The element of surprise which has entered into their use has been as effective against the army of the Hun as the destruction which the traveling forts have wrought.

We have made a great how-de-do over winning the war in the We have made a great flow-de-do over winning the war in they air, and slight progress. We have tried to starve 'em out, and they still fight. We have met poison gas with poison gas and flame with flame.

"We have already pointed out the enviable secrecy observed in the definition of the composition of the camp and held out doors, and Wednesday night at Camp Leach similar steps were taken. Entertainments are being the did the following important of his New York speech could not have been uttered—or if uttered to the held nightly at Camp Humphreys are taken. Entertainments are being the did the following important of his New York speech could not have been adhered to when peace comes.

Listen to this part!

rmored tanks and the training of their crews, in the sections of the immense campared tanks and the training of their crews, not already quarantined by the auwhich now number not thousands, but tens of thousands," says the Colorne Gazette. "To these must be added the increase in the number of guns, mine throwers, flame projectors, machine guns, gas and fog ammunition and airplanes of all, kinds. No proof is necessary that German industry is unable to accomplish this in similar quantities. Especially as regards the armored tanks, there is no doubt that the numerical superiority is on the side of the enemy and that he is bound to utilize it to the utmost."

But when we turned tens of thousands of tanks against them all unexpectedly and synchronized their maneuvers with the marvelcus strategy of Foch, they turned tail and ran as they never ran

Now rise up and declare that tanks will win the war,

Gen. Lemon von Sanders also is an expert in strategic retreats.

The Hun hordes are being rapidly hoarded in French prison

Hertling continues to bomb us with peace grenades, but Wilson

sends them all hurtling back. Included in the remarkable advances made this year may be

noted that drive by old H. C. L.

## Do Your "Bit."

When Freedom's banner of liberty is flaming o'er this earth; When the time of resurrection for the peasant has its birth; When broken are the idols of autocracy's unholy shrine; When democracy stamps humanity with marks of the great Divine; Will you pride yourself, brother, on the "bit" you will have done 'Gainst Prussia's rule that would force oppression to us every one? Ot, will your conscience stain you fouler than the ancient Pharisee For slacking while "our boys" were valiantly fighting to be free?

We have helped the fight for Freedom fought by valiant men; while Have your hands been stretched to aid them-they the staunch and

In this midst of strife and struggle have you given for a suffering

Help us fight for liberty by giving food and giving gold!

Yes, brother, the cay draws nearer; yea, 'tis even drawing nigh, When righteous rare at "Prussian power" may rend the earth and sky; And that day will bring retribution or reward to you and me For our "bit" in the cause while "our boys" were fighting for Liberty.

"Twas the demi-gods of Freedom that dyed the "Star Spangled" ban

And its glare makes "kultur" turn itself slowly in its bed; But beware its dead awakening—when we full defiance fling In its well-fed face, you have enslaved humanity; you tool of autocratic kings;

To undo its work of slavery necessitates the linking of all lands By uniting all the lowly and the nations joining hands; Then as autocracy's sins are forgotten, so her gods will trodden be, When "our boys" get through, full determined to be free!

By the child that's killed in battle; by the tape of women on the street; By emasculated manhood, starved and beaten, with bleeding feet; By the agony and insult that the Belgians still endure; the starving, pitcous condition of France's valiant poor; will you stand for this, the Prussians' crime? No! Then help the cause of democracy; trod the slacker's track of

slime;
And stand behind "our boys" who are fighting o'er the sea
And let them know we back them up in the cause of Liberty! -By HARRY E. RIESBERG, War Risk Bureau.

### ALL THEATERS HERE CLOSED TO CHECK SPANISH INFLUENZA

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE. than those reported the day before. than those reported the day before.

The new pneumonia cases numbered 300, which is fifty-four in excess of the preceding day's report.

The total number of pneumonia cases since September 13 is 8.575, while the

deaths in the army camps number 2,479. Practically all the deaths are from pneumonia following attacks of influenza.

In three of the army camps the disease has reached the stage of an epi-demic, according to reports. These camps are Sherman, Taylor and Jack-son. No report of the number of cases came from any of these camps yes-terday, a circumstance which chuses ome uneasiness among the medical

officers.
From the remaining army camps the number of new cases of influenza re-ported is 12,004. Camp Grant had the largest number in the report, 1,810

arges being reported.

The total number of influenza cases in the army camps to date is 113,737.

Meade and Humphreys Hit.

Spanish influenza in the army camps of the United States. According to last official reports there were approximately 1,300,000 men in these camps. This would indicate that one-tenth of our military effectives in this country now in training are out of the fight for the present.

Since the United States entered the war our casualties total approximately 39,000. Thus in several weeks disease has set our manpower back about 200 per cent more than nearly one year's fighting in the front line has done.

The report of the Surgeon General of course does not include civilian cases of influenza which undoubtedly exceed by a very large degree those of the military.

An army of 113,737 men is a large army and one which would indicate that one-tenth of our military in paving the way to Berlin. Add to the spanish influenza situation at the near-by camps is reaching alarming proportions. At Camp Meige, on Florida avenue, the epidemic seems to be well in hand. Only fifteen new cases have been reported there during the last twenty-four hours. At Camp Meade, Md, however, 900 new cases were reported at the camp infirmary yesterday. Forty cases of preumonia had developed and forty-three deaths were recorded during the day. To date 6,217 cases of influenze, with an accompanying high death rate due to pneumonia complications, have been reported. A strict quarantine has been placed over the camp.

Reports from Camp Humphreys in-The Spanish influenza situation at

from the office of the Surgeon Gen eral. This makes a total of 2,222 cases of this disease which have been recorded since September 13. In the same period 245 cases of pneumonia have been brought to the attention of the camp physicians, fifty-three of these being reported since

Serious at Camp Lee. At Camp Lee, Va., the situation seems to have reached the same seri-ous proportions. Five hundred and twenty-nine cases developed during the day, making a total of 6,383 cases

The policemen of the District have suffered during the present epidemic. Fifty-four members of the force were

# Shows Given Outdoors.

with a view to entering govern-nent service.

Representatives of the War Work
taken from him.

# KING ALBERT.



KING ALBERT

This is a new photograph of King Albert of Belgium, taken while the most picturesque ruler of modern times was watching a football game

Berne—At a general meeting of Swiss hotel proprietors it was decided to demand an increase of 20 cents per day for board of interned persons.

auditors on the part of the city aid the street car commany bookkeepers and auditors in keeping the company's records of income and expense. Thus, when cases get to the public utility commission of the

# "SCHOOL DAYS"



HEARD UNDER

Two stories appearing in America But just the humblest man slive, today—one the contradiction of the With strength of arm and heart t

Representatives of the war work council of the organization here had all ast night that entertainments conducted under Y. M. C. A. auspices in the army camps in the Washington district will be conducted as usual with the exception that wherever possible they will be held outdoors. Last night an enter-

interest of any single nation group of nations can be made the basis of any part of the settlement which is not consistent with the

common interest of all." of course to readily acquiesce in such an ar-rangement as Mr. McLean's newspaper says has been consummated. But it would be quite as difficult to make the President believe such a thing is necessary as it is to per-

to the required number of Sen ary to the winning of the war. In other words, the President by lieves the common economic ; gram is a weapon of peace or a vice of peace, rather than of war. He prefers, because his program obviously demands it, to defer swinging America's influence and power to it until such time as peace comes and the negotiations are un-

Gilbert then was right when then was right when the first wrote about this, and is still right. And Mr. McL. n's paper is not correct because such an agree-ment as it says has been accomplished would nullify and make impossible one and perhaps more of five conditions the President down in his New York speech.

The New York World finds inconsistency in the Senate's action in approving the national problettion amendment and in rejecting the

amenament and in rejecting the equal suffrage amendment.

Not at all, Mr. Cobb.

The problibition amendment was regarded as war legislation, as a war necessity. The same Senate did not necessity. The same Senate did not attach the same significance to the suffrage amendment—largely because it merely made possible the voting of legislatures on the suffrage question and did not and probably could not actually bring suffrage to little children, this nation before the end of the ed "children"

In this respect, of course, this amendment had no advantage over the prohibition amendment. But in the prohibition amendment. But in other ways prohibition was being achieved because of war necessity and the expression of both Houses of Congress was desirable because it gave the President a clear index of public feeling in the liquor matter and carried as a ruide to the President. served as a guide to the President in applying power given to him in the Food Administration and agri-cultural production legislation. A rather ideal condition is found

in Kansas City from which place a street railway rate case was brought to the Taft-Walsh War Labor Board this week for argument.

It was found by the more or less surprised war board officials that

street car lines in Kansas City have a "half-and-half" plan of bookkeeping which guarantees that all final ligures are reliable when they reach public utility regulators for dissection or action. Bookkeepers and auditors on the part of the city ald the street car appears to be leave the street car.

#### A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.

By John Kendrick Bangs.

well enough to be a fish And in the cold blue waters swish All free from worry and from car That vex us mortals everywhere, But I'd not be a fish these days

With all the powers that dwell in w I'm out for splendid victories

'Gainst Wrong, and bless the sweat With Freedom as the final spoil.

THE OBSERVER

## Finley Peter Dunne Loses \$450 in Cash and Jewels in Pan-American Building

Finley Peter Dunne, creator f "Mr. Dooley," the genial rishman so well-known to of 'Mr. Irishman American readers, is out of pocket to the tune of \$450 in money and jewelry as a result of a tour of the Pan-American building. Mr. Dunne, who formerly liv-

ed in San Francisco, Cal, but is now living at the New Willard, visited the Pan-American Buildng yesterday with some friends mesh bag containing one \$100 bill, one \$50 bill, two \$20 bills, ten \$5 bills, and some change, a vanity case valued at \$70.

"children's nests" in various

# OPHELIA'S SLATE.



# NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

New York, Oct. 3.-In a little town out West, he is known as "Noodles." now. He was billeted to me for the day by a friend of his father's, and we started out early in the morning to see New York.

There was

clephone know to write to him was to write to him was out on the street he asked cop for a match and when the street had been successful to write to him was a successful to write to write had been successful to write to write had been successful to w

"waired until he got one.

was his way. He was all boy ha great big heart and a jumping nness about being slive. Hown at Friars some one asked him who be forested. vas his favorite American. "Lillian Russell," he said-just like that. And he saw her in a play once and never

Main street in his town. He sent all the boys at the drug store loafing place a picture post card of the Woolplace post card of the woolplace a picture post card of the woolplace a picture post card of the woolplace post car

an Irishman there with green whis-kers," he said. "that the fellows cap: ear is funnier 'n Charlie Charlin." So ve went to the burlesque how and Mr. Noodles" got more laughs with his

An old-time gambler says there is just as much betting on horse racing in New York as ever. He says there is a poolroom in almost every other block—camouflaged as a stationary store, a delicatessen shop or a shoe shining parlor. Down at Belmont the bookmakers are about as active, he says. All the betting there is done on credit. The bettor must know the credit. The better must know the bookmaker and must vouch for any friend that he brings along. The gambling on credit creates larger losses than betting with cash, so the cambler declares. gambler declares.

## Dentists of Old Pried Out Teeth. . In the time of Nero there were professional dentists who could re-

place lost teeth with artificial ones made of sycamore wood, which were fastened to their natural neighbors with gold wire. A gold plate with several teeth attached has been found in an Etruscan tomb. But those den tists knew nothing of the art of ex cavating and filling cavities. When tooth became too painful they re moved it, not by pulling it, but by prying it out in a manner that must have been distressing to the sufferer. -Youth's Companion

# FRENCH TO INVOKE OLD REPRISAL LAW WILSON LAUDS

By DWIG

Ancient Talion Principle Would

Lay Waste Hun Cities. While the State Department would not commit itself yesterday regarding the dispatch of an ultimatum to Ger- Alfred E. Smith, Demomany threatening reprisals on the Rbine cities if any more cities in Northern France and Belgium were destroyed, official dispatches from France indicated that such a move was under way.

The National Committee of France, realed for the consideration of reparation of war damages, according o an advice from Lyons, may recom-need the invocation of the old tallon

ion and finds herself in a state.

tematic retrogression.

"The National Committee, on behalf of the interests intrusted to its care, invites all governments whose peoples participate in this new crusade to anactic their formal resolve to make sounce their formal resolve to make

#### Army and Navy News

It is interesting to know that in March, 1916 our army had only 100 trucks, in March, 1917 4,000 trucks, in March, 1918 40,000 trucks, and it predicted that by March, 1919 there will be 200,000 trucks in the service with a personnel of 750,000 officers and enlisted men.

schools for the training of men in the driving, maintenance, etc., of motor vehicles already have been established at Jacksonville, Fla, and at Fort Sheridan, Ill, and numerous ther schools will be established in other schools will be established in the near future in other parts of the country. A station for spare parts and repairs is located at Camp Holybird, near Baltimore, and many

of instruction and the

relected for temporary and permanent promotion in the Medical Corps:

S. Beecher, date.

Robert M. Kennedy were selected to temporary promotion to the rank of in: Medical Directors Charles turn of our Frank L. Pleadwell, Dudley N. glorious and conclusive

nee for governor of New York, met
President Wilson yesterday for the
first time. He came to the Capital af
the request of the Chief Executive.
Mr. Smith was accompanied to the
White House by Abram Elkus, former
United States Ambassados to Tunited mend the invocation of the old talion law, which provides, in short: "Town for town, village for village, church for church, castle for castle and property for property."

"The ancient talion taw, however rebugnant it is to rations fighting for the triumph of justice and liberty." known that he was more than favorasys the dispatch, "is now the only one fit in the circumstances against a nation that has willingly and deliberately put herself outside of civilization and finds herself in a state of systematic retrogression.

Mr. Smith was accompanied to ane White House by Abram Elkus, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, and remained in conference with the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left it be proval, for the President left it be gravity in the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left it be gravity and in the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left in the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left in the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left it be proval, for the President left it be gravity in the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left it be proval, for the President left it be proval, for the President left it be with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left it be president for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President left it be president for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for the President for half an hour. He left with the stamp of Mr. Wilson's approval, for t

Lansing, both of whom have publicly indorsed his candidacy. Secretary Daniels and Frank Polk, Counselor of the State Department, Aside from assuring the President

ver child labor, the New

Mr. Smith was optimistic regarding said-would support the De

CANVASSERS FORM

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specially cone \$40 bill, two \$20 bills, and some change, a company to the control of the control of lorgerettes valued at \$20, and an amethyst bracelet valued at \$20, and bracelet valued at \$20, and an amethyst bracelet valued at \$20, and an amet

# Wanted:--

The wounded heroes at the Walter Reed Hospital have been quarantined and they want SOMETHING TO READ.

**STEWARD** 

TAKOMA PARK, D. C.

cratic Candidate for Governor, at White House.

that a united Democratic party in New York State was behind him, politics was not discussed at the meet-The President and Mr. Smith talked

the winning of the war.

# TEAMS FOR WORK

Everybody in Washington

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